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Date: July 31, 2008

Ms. Virginia Rettig, Deputy Refuge Manager
Cape May National Wildlife Refuge
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Dear Virginia:

On June 17, 2008, I conducted an aerial survey for gypsy moth-caused tree defoliation at Cape May National Wildlife Refuge. Approximately 5.4 acres of light defoliation (31-50 %) and 318.2 acres of heavy defoliation (51-100 %) were detected at your site while another 12.6 acres of light defoliation and 178.2 acres of heavy defoliation were detected on adjacent lands (Figures 1a and 1b).

If you anticipate requesting either financial or technical assistance for gypsy moth control in 2009, please contact Brad Onken (304) 285-1546 or me (304) 285-1555 before August 22, 2008.

Please contact me at the above number if you have any questions regarding this aerial survey letter.

Sincerely,

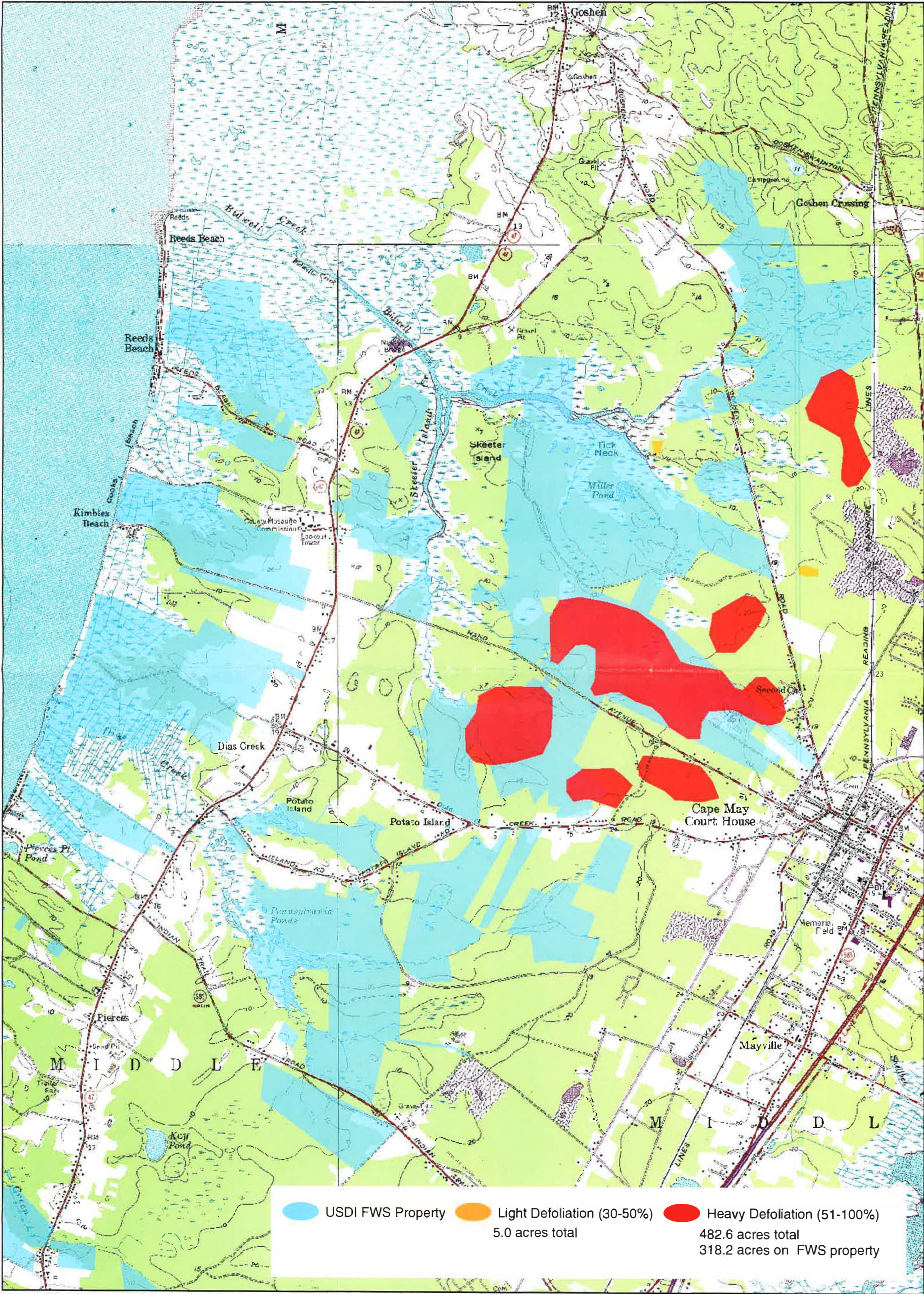
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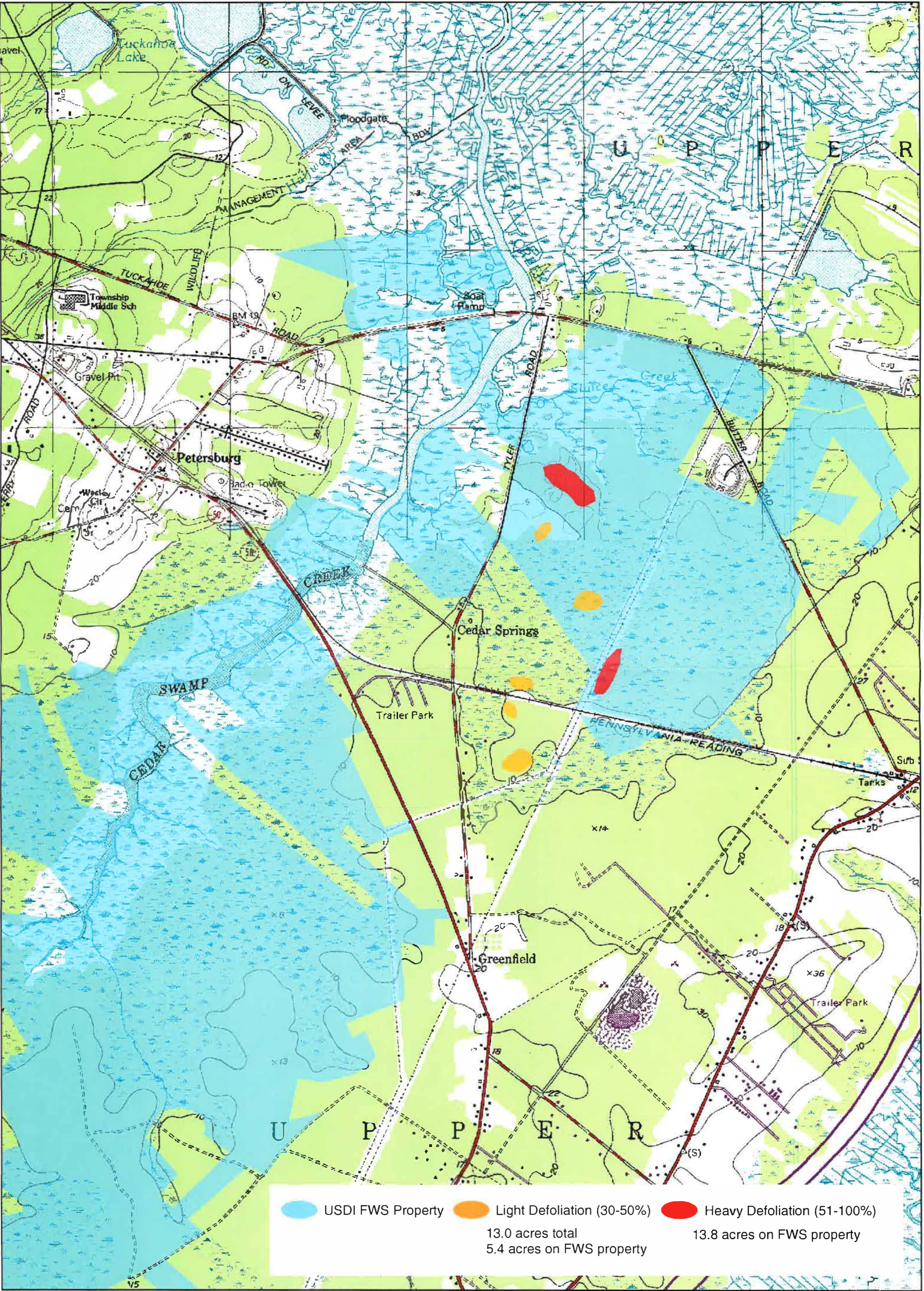


Figure 1a --Results of the aerial detection survey conducted at Cape May National Wildlife Refuge (Southern half) on June 17, 2008.



0.4 0.2 0 0.4 Miles

Figure 1b --Results of the aerial detection survey conducted at Cape May National Wildlife Refuge (Northern half) on June 17, 2008.



0.3 0.15 0 0.3 Miles